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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Rs. 4,30,746 exclusive of expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department during the years 1926–27 to 1933–34 for which years figures are not available, the concerned records having been destroyed."

* 205 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, I would like this question be taken up after four days since it is a very important question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That may be the case. No, I cannot allow it. The Hon. Minister may give his answer."

Press Note No. 195, *dated* 11*th December* 1951, *regarding rights of people in zamindari forests.*

SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Press Note No. 195, dated 11th December 1951, issued by the Government regarding the privileges of the people in zamindari forests, is still in force to-day?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received notice of thirteen adjournment motions to discuss matters of public importance. Yesterday I received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of public importance and the subject-matter of the motion was the death of the Raja of Karvetnagar. The hon. Member wants the death of the Raja of Karvetnagar to be discussed here on an adjournment motion!

" The House is perhaps aware that hitherto I used to give my ruling in my Chamber itself, but since the hon. Leader of the Opposition asked me the other day to give my rulings in the House so that the new Members may know the reasons for ruling the motions out of order, I shall do so.

" As I have been receiving notices of a number of adjournment motions, I want to prescribe certain rules that should govern motions for adjournment of the business of the House.

" Firstly, the subject of an adjournment motion must relate to a definite matter. Hon. Members may ask what I mean by the term ' definite matter '. I mean that it should be a specific matter.

" Then, the subject-matter of an adjournment motion should not be couched in general terms, covering a number of cases and it should not also involve hypothetical circumstances.

" Again, it must relate to an urgent matter. Suppose, something happened a month ago and at that time there was no sitting of the House. Simply because at the time of the occurrence there